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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURE: ASSISTANCE FROM PRC

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1. LIBREVILLE "L'UNIN" OF JULY 21 CARRIES REPORT OF JULY 19 MEETING BETWEEN PRC AMBASSADOR TO GABON LIU YING-HSIEN AND MINISER OF AGRICULTURE SIMON ESSIMENGANE CONCERNING PRC PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH RICE PROJECT IN MYEN-OGOOUE PROVINCE. FARM WOULD OCCUPY 500 HECTARES (1200 ACRES) AND WOULD COST IN RANGE OF 2.5 BILLION CFA OR APPROXIMATELY 11.4 MILLION DOLLARS. PRC WOULD INVEST ONE BILLION CFA WITH BALANCE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY GOG.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT, IF RICE PROJECT IS SUCCESSFUL, FARM WOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE PORK PRODUCTION OF 2600 TONS PER YEAR. ADDITIONAL LAND OF 380 HECTARES OR 912 ACRES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT 500 HEAD.

3. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES INDICATE PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE ANNUAL EXPENSES OF 340 MILLION CFA (1.5 MILLION DOLLARS) WITH RECEIPTS ESTIMATED AT ONLY 300 MILLION CFA (1.4 MILLION DOLLARS). ACCORDING PRESS, CHINESE AMBASSADOR ASKED UNCLASSIFIED

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WHETHER GOG WILLING TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HIGH COST OF LABOR IN GABON. MINAG REPLIED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH MINISTRY OF PLAN.

4. MEETING ALSO INCLUDED REVIEW OF OTHER PRC AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN GABON. APPARENTLY THOSE AT

TCHIBANGA, NYALI, AND AKOK ARE FUNCTIONING WELL, WHILE
HOSE AT OYEM, FRANCEVILE, AND LAMBORENE ARE IN
SEVERE DIFFICUTY AND ARE ON VERGE OF BEING SHUT DOWN.
5. REPORT MENTIONED T AT NE PRC VICE PRIME MINISER
WOULD BE ARRIVING IN GABON AUGUS FOR WORKING VISI
(REFTEL BUT DID NOT STATE WHETHER VISIT WOULD CONCERN
AGRICLUTURAL PROJECTS. TIENKEN

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